(c) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana is itself a new scheme. The implementation of the programme is being pursued vigorously.

Allotment of land for relocating the Industries out of Delhi

*16. SHRI O.P. KOLHI: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Delhi has acquired agricultural land for allotment to industries to be relocated out of Delhi, but neither the industries in non-conforming areas have been shifted nor the land allotted to them; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not relocating the industrial units out of Delhi and for not allotting the land to them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Delhi Government has reported that 1300 acres of land has been notified for acquisition for development of new industrial areas for relocation of industries operating in residential/non-conforming areas of Delhi. A part of this land is in rural areas and rest in urban extension area. Out of this, possession of 1065 acres of land has been taken by the Delhi Government. The possession of the remaining land could not be taken as it is heavily built up. Development of the acquired land is being done by the Delhi Government through the Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation. The industrial units which have applied and were found eligible for allotment of alternate industrial land as reported by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi are to be relocated after the acquired land is fully developed and factory buildings are constructed by the allottees. The layout plans for these lands have been prepared.

Government of Delhi has not acquired any agricultural land for allotment to industries to be relocated out of Delhi as such acquisition/allotment of land outside Delhi comes within the purview of the concerned State Governments.

Border Trade Between North Eastern Areas and Adjoining Countries

*17. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to encourage Border Trade between North Eastern areas and the adjoining countries;

(b) what positive steps have been taken in this regard, State wise; and

(c) whether the Government are monitoring the implementation of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Government has taken various steps to promote Border Trade between North Eastern Region and the neighboring countries. There are 37 Land Customs Stations notified in the North East for trade with Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. A Border Trade agreement has been signed with Myanmar on 21-1-94. At present the border trade is taking place though Moreh on Indo-Myanmar Border. The other point, Zokhawthar in Mizoram, which is identified for trade, is yet to be made functional. Trade agreements with China, Bangladesh and Bhutan exist but there is not border trade Agreement with these countries. India follows a policy of open duty free trade with Bhutan.

Various other steps taken by the Government for promotion of exports (including Border Trade) from the North East Region include, inter alia, sanction of projects for development of export infrastructure from the NE States under the Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme, setting up of Export Promotion Industrial Parks, identification of Land Customs Stations for infrastructure development, opening of offices of various Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards.

The steps taken (State-wise) by the Central Government for boosting exports from North Eastern States are mentioned below:

ASSAM: Under the Critical Infrastructure Balance scheme, two projects namely (a) development of Surma Trunk road from Karimganj town to Sutarkhandi border and (b) Infrastructure Development at Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) have been sanctioned. The road from Karimgunj to Sutarkandi has been declared National Highway No. 151. An EPIP has been approved at Guwahati, which is under development. There is a Coffee Demonstration farm in Haflong and Tea Board has its offices at Guwahati, Silchar, Jorhat and Tejpur. In addition, Spices Board has posted an Officer at Guwahati, while Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has opened an Office in Guwahati. An Inland Container Depot is functioning at Amingaon. Office of the Joint Director General of Foreign Trade is also located at Guwahati.

MEGHALAYA: Under the CIB scheme, two projects namely Improvement of road near EPIP, Byrnihat and Installation of a Sub Station at the EPIP have been sanctioned. An EPIP project is also under implementation at Byrnihat.

MANIPUR: An EPIP has recently been sanctioned for Manipur. There is one Coffee Demonstration farm at Noney in Manipur.

MIZORAM: There is one Coffee Demonstration farm at Kolasiv. Under CIB scheme, a project for construction of a composite building at Zokhawathar has been sanctioned. The proposed station will provide single-window facilities for trade with Myanmar.

TRIPURA: Under the CIB scheme two projects namely improvement of road from Fire Station Chaumuhani to Akhaura Checkpost and installation of weighbridges at Akhaura and Raghan Land Customs Station are under implementation. There is one coffee Demonstration farm at Agartala. Rubber Board has also its office at Agartala.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH: There is one Coffee Demonstation farm at Demoli.

NAGALAND: There is one Coffee Demonstration farm in Kiruphima. There is an EPIP in the State.

International Year for Elderly People

*18. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) What are the schemes/projects Government have since launched to mark the international year for elderly people; and

(b) The details of allocation of Plan and Non-Plan funds for each of these, State-wise besides Central ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) To mark the International year of Older Persons, the Government announced the National Policy on Older Persons in January, 1999. A statement giving details of initiatives/welfare measures taken in pursuance of the National Policy is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) While no specific allocation of funds was made for the International year an increased budget allocation of Rs. 15 crore during 1999-2000 was